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BOSMAN, et al

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Title: PROCESS FOR THE HYDROGENATION OF PHENYL ACETYLENE IN A

STYRENE-CONTAINING MEDIUM WITH THE AID OF A CATALYST

March 26, 2002

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

5. (Twice amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein the styrene-containing medium and the hydrogen gas are supplied at the bottom of a reactor.

8. (Twice amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein hydrogenation is carried out at a temperature between 15 and 50 °C.

9. (Twice amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein hydrogenation is carried out at an LHSV between 0.1 and 100 per hour.

10. (Twice amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein hydrogenation is carried out at an LHSV between 0.1 and 10 per hour.